

MODERN GAMING CLUB ADVISOR:
SENA

WELL,
EVERYONE,
LET'S TAKE
A TOUR OF
THE BATTLE
STAGE.

IF WE LOOK
AT THE STAGE,
WE CAN CERTAINLY
GET OUR HEARTS
PREPARED.

TEMPORARY
CLUB MEMBER:
NIITANI

MODERN
GAMING CLUB -
PENDING
MEMBER:
KISHIMINE

KISHIMINE-KUN,
AS FIGHTERS,
LET'S RAISE OUR
FIGHTING SPIRIT
TOGETHER!

YEAH!

CLUB PRESIDENT -
TENDOU SHINOBU

... IN
THE END,
I ENDED UP
SAYING YES.

Tokyo, Akihabara





HMPH.

THIS ONE'S NO GOOD EITHER.

I'M NOT FEELING IT!



ALL EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY YOURS TRULY!

OKAY, EVERYONE! BUY WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES!

I AM NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE JAPAN GAME BATTLE CHAMPIONSHIP (JGBC)



JAPANESE GAMES AREN'T THAT GREAT AFTER ALL.



CHAPTER 4

JGBC

A BIG EVENT ORGANIZED FOR ALL OF JAPAN,
WHERE GAMERS STAKE THEIR PRIDE
AND PRESTIGE.

IN THIS BIG EVENT,
THE MODERN GAMING CLUB WILL
STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE...



ABOUT
LAST
WEEK...



I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

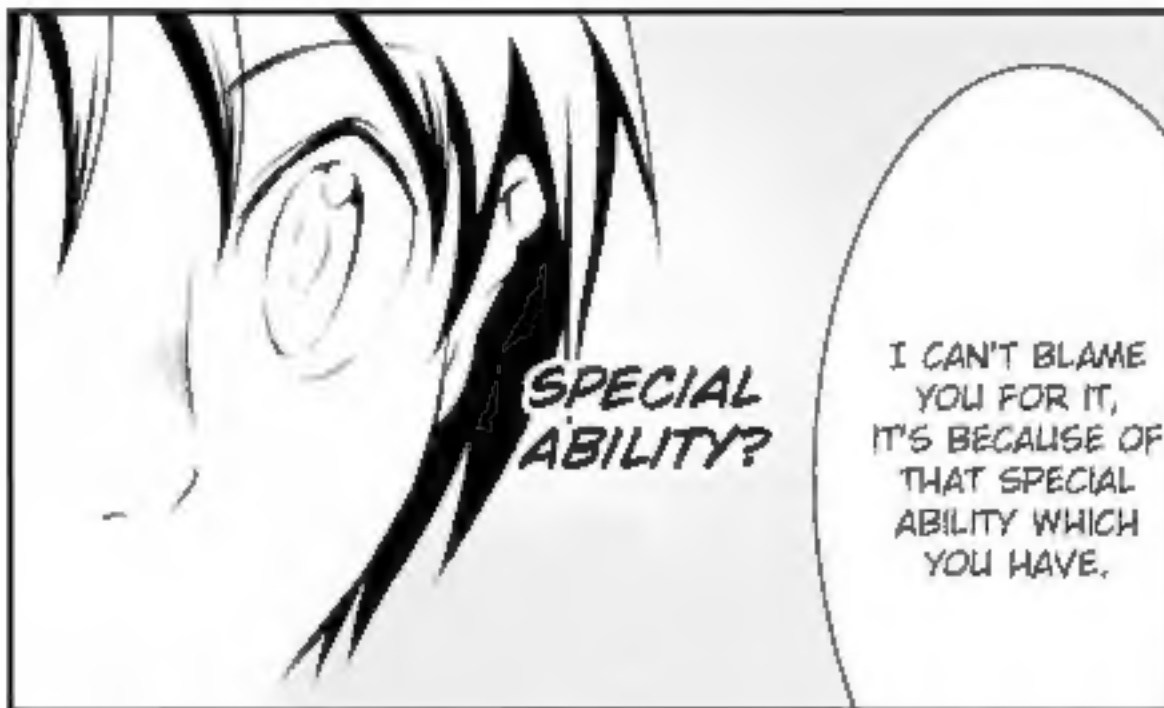
DURING CLUB
ACTIVITIES,
EVEN THOUGH
YOU SAID YOU
WANTED PLAY
THE GAME,
I ENDED UP
IGNORING
YOU...

EH?



FOR SOME
REASON I AM
COMING ALONG
WITH THEM,
EVEN THOUGH
I'M NOT REALLY
A MEMBER.

AFTER SCHOOL,
THE CLUB CAME
TO VISIT AND TO
HAVE A LOOK
AROUND THE
VENUE.



SPECIAL ABILITY?

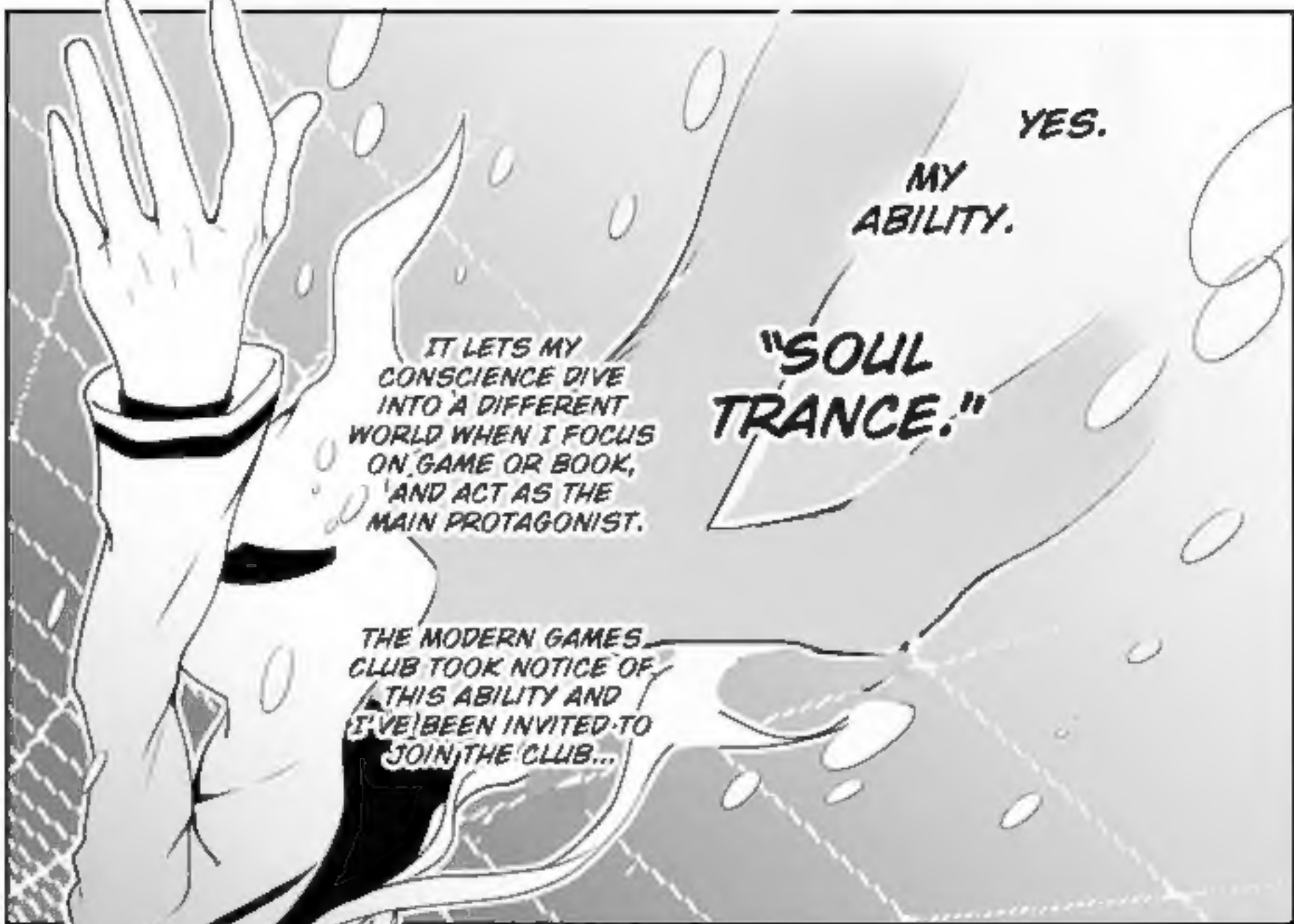
I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR IT, IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT SPECIAL ABILITY WHICH YOU HAVE.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

... THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

BESIDES, AFTER THAT, YOU LET ME SWITCH WITH YOU, RIGHT?



YES.

MY ABILITY.

"SOUL TRANCE."

IT LETS MY CONSCIENCE DIVE INTO A DIFFERENT WORLD WHEN I FOCUS ON GAME OR BOOK, AND ACT AS THE MAIN PROTAGONIST.

THE MODERN GAMES CLUB TOOK NOTICE OF THIS ABILITY AND I'VE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE CLUB...



I CAN'T SEE NOR HEAR, BUT CAN ONLY PLAY.



WHILE ACTIVATED, REGARDLESS OF THE GAME, ANY SOUND OR IMAGES GET COMPLETELY CUT OFF.

BUT THIS ABILITY IS NOT WITHOUT ITS DOWNSIDES.



BUT...



YEP.

YOU, IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN AKIBA?

KISHI-MINE-SAN.



WHEN TENDOU-SAN INVITED ME, SHE SAID,

"WE ARE SEEKING COMRADES IN ARMS"

AND...



I STILL WONDER IF MY ABILITY CAN BE OF ANY OF USE FOR THEM...



THAT'S RIGHT! AND THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF OLD ELECTRONIC STORES AROUND FROM WAY BACK THEN.

...NOW THAT I SEE IT IN PERSON, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL.

WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT AKIBA ON THE TV AND SUCH, IT'S OFTEN PORTRAYED AS A TOWN FULL OF OTAKUS, BUT...





WELL,
SHALL WE GO
SOMEPLACE
NICER?

THE
TEACHER'S
GONE.
I DIDN'T
EVEN
NOTICE.

HE WAS HEADED
TOWARD THE
VOICE ACTOR
GOODS SHOP.

...HUH?



A PLACE
SUITABLE
FOR OUR
CLUB
ACTIVITIES!

GO,
YOU SAY,
BUT WHERE
TO?



エンジン
フィーグ
パニック

HERE IT
IS,

あま
おま
A
RETRO
GAME
SHOP!





EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF THESE
GAMES WERE
ASSEMBLED BY
THE HANDS OF
MANY PEOPLE
BEFORE ITS
EVENTUAL
COMPLETION.



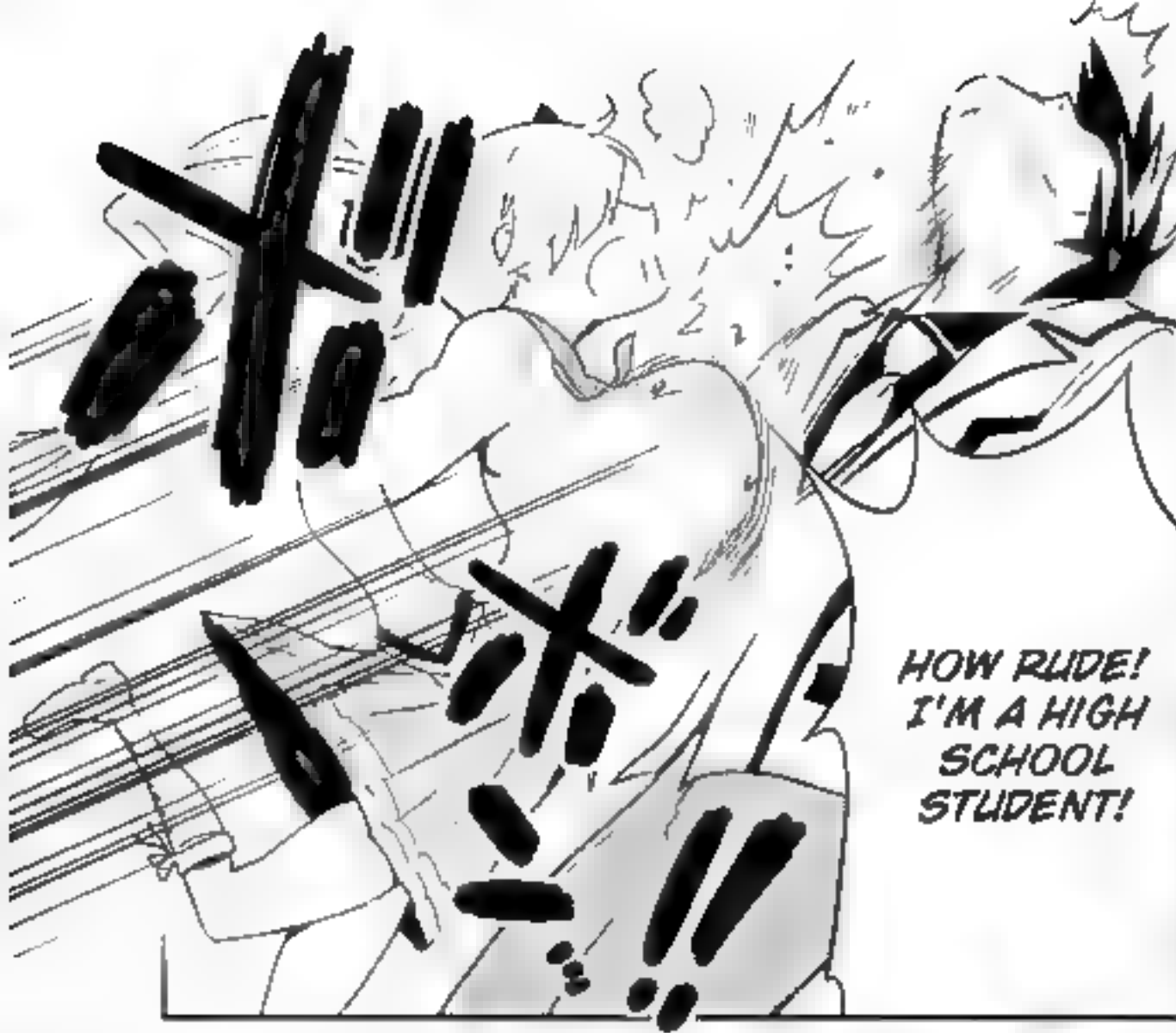
TENDOU-SAN
SURE DOES
LOVE HER
GAMES...

SHE'S
ALREADY IN
HER ZONE
OF ADMIRA-
TION!

NO
WAIT...

IT'S
AMAZING
HOW GAMES
CAN AFFECT
PEOPLE SO
MUCH...





HOW RUDE!
I'M A HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENT!



UM... HEY.
ARE YOU LOST,
LITTLE GIRL?
WHERE'S YOUR
MOMMY? OR
YOUR DAD?
LOOKING FOR
THEM?

SHE'S
REALLY
SHORT.
IS SHE AN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
STUDENT?



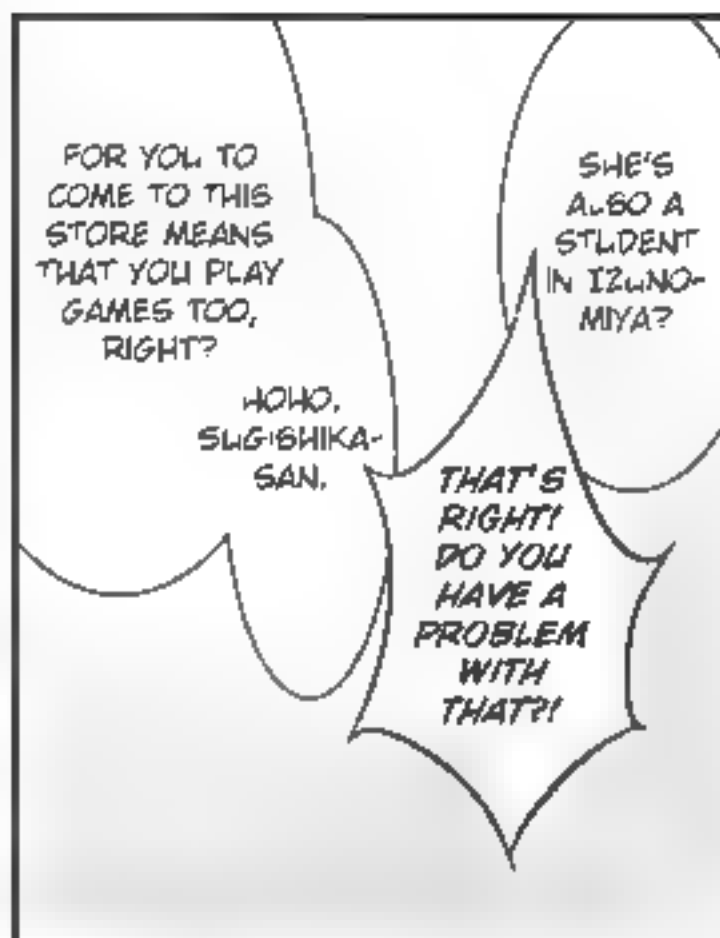
OH,
IF IT
ISN'T
THE
TRANS-
FER
STU-
DENT,

SUGISHIKA
MADOKA?



WHAT
HAPPENED,
K SH-MINE-
KUN?

OH!





HUH?

WELL
THEN.

LET ME
ESCORT YOU
TO SOME
EXCELLENT
JAPANESE
GAME SHOPS
THAT I KNOW!

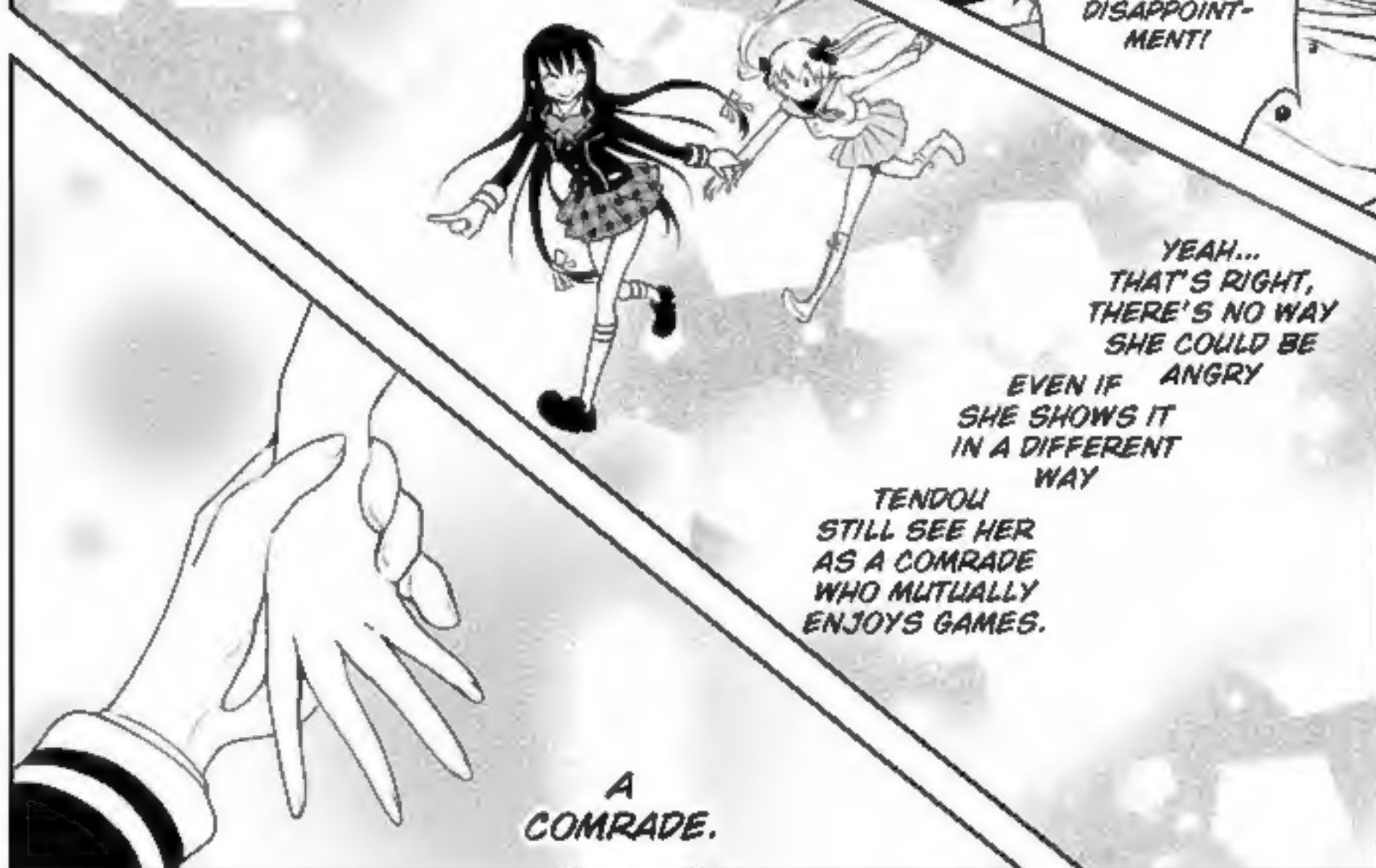


HUH?
TENDOU-
SAN...

DON'T
WORRY.
IT'LL BE
OKAY!

I-I-IT'S
NO USE,
EVEN IF YOU
DO SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT!

IT WILL
DEFINITELY
FAIL TO
WIPE OUT MY
FEELING OF
DISAPPOINT-
MENT!



YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT,
THERE'S NO WAY
SHE COULD BE
EVEN IF ANGRY
SHE SHOWS IT
IN A DIFFERENT
WAY

TENDOU
STILL SEE HER
AS A COMRADE
WHO MUTUALLY
ENJOYS GAMES.

A
COMRADE.



